

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review

Minutes: July 26, 2016

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice-chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Jackson, Thornton, Davison and Sylvester.

Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame Esq., Assistant Administrative Officer Kathy Hague and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

Absent from today's hearing were Commissioners Filippi, Pearson, Richard, Booth and Walker.

Minutes: Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to accept the July 19, 2016, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #160082: Will Cronin appeared for the property located at 740 West Main Road, Middletown. Deputy State Fire Marshals (DSFM) Octavio Vieira and Hannah Burnes appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice-chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to allow the conditions to remain in place provided the building is vacated or in compliance with the fire code by September 30, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160075: Alexander Danso appeared for the property located at 65 Goff Avenue, Pawtucket. ADSFM Allen McVay appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Sylvester and Davison, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit plans to the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fire alarm system and one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. Within this same timeline, the Applicant must either remove the curtains in the facility or have them treated with fire retardant. The Board also granted a time variance of two (2) years to install a second means of egress in the basement. The Board authorized the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above timeline(s) for good faith compliance efforts being demonstrated with the provisions of the Board Rules and Regulations sections 6-2-22.1. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160083: Steve Denoyelle appeared for the property located

at 87 Carolina Back Road, Charlestown. DSFM Kaitlyn Iannone appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice-chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit plans to the State Fire Marshal's Office to bring the 13D sprinkler system into compliance and one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160084: Dana Haagensen, Aaron Lavigne and Brian Moran appeared for the property located at 20 Austin Avenue, Greenville. DSFMs Octavio Vieira, Kaitlyn Iannone and Hannah Burnes appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit plans to the State Fire Marshal's Office to add and/or relocate sprinkler heads in this facility, and one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. The Board advised the Applicant to return in three (3) months in order to give the State Fire Marshal's Office an opportunity to re-evaluate the occupancy of this facility. The motion passed on (5) to (0) vote with Vice-chairman Blackburn recusing himself from consideration of this case.

APPEAL #160095: Jared Coleman, Ross Cann and John Brooks appeared for the property located at 70 Shepard Avenue, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to allow the proposed two-story

convenience stair to be open to both floor levels in accordance with the Applicant's plan of action for the installation of an 18" smoke baffle separation (draft stop) and the installation of additional area smoke detectors. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160078: Arthur Rosaki appeared for the property located at 328 Pocasset Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit plans to the Providence Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a compliant fire alarm system and one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. The Board authorized the Providence Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above timeline for good faith compliance efforts being demonstrated with the provisions of the Board Rules and Regulations sections 6-2-22.1. The motion passed on a (5) to (0) vote with Vice-chairman Blackburn abstaining from the vote.

Old Business: None

Open Forum / Public Comment:

After a discussion of whether or not the property located at 328 Pocasset Avenue, Providence was in violation regarding the

installation of a fire alarm system, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal James Gumbley volunteered to do a review and submit his findings to the Board. The Board can then decide whether or not to rescind the Decision for Appeal #160078.

Executive Director Keith Burlingame stated that the Department of Administration will be utilizing a new telephone service and the “222” numbers will no longer be available. That means the Fire Board will be losing its 222-FIRE telephone number.

Commissioner Thornton inquired whether the new address had been assigned to the Fire Safety Board. Keith Burlingame stated the new address is still pending.

Adjournment: Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davison, to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Hague